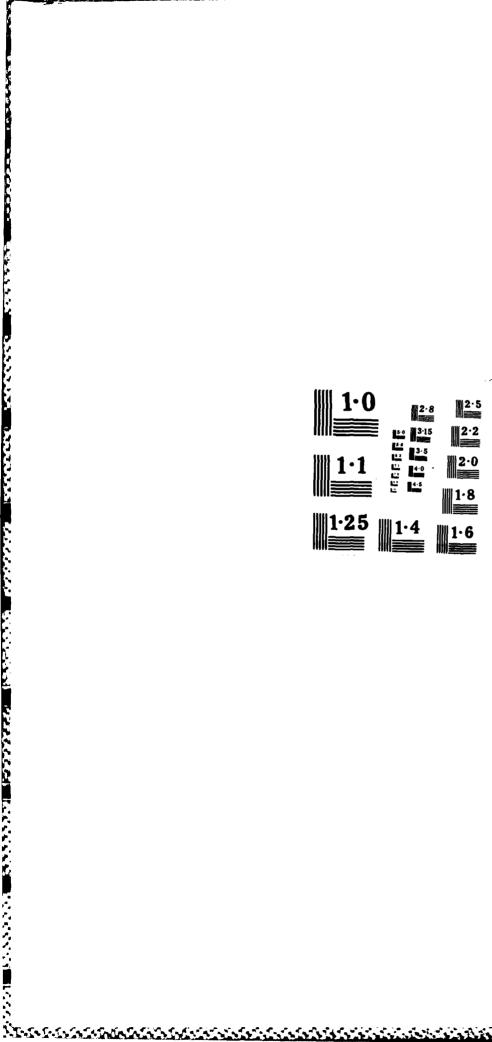
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#### I. INTRODUCTION

The projections of antenna pattern characteristics into contours of constant power flux on the earth are called footprints. The coverage characteristics of these footprints are used in studying satellite communication links, to infer the (roll, pitch and yaw) variations in coverage as satellites depart from their nominal attitude, and in remote sensing applications to determine the ability to resolve surface features. The footprints are not only a function of the antenna pattern but also depend in a complicated way on the relationships or mapping between a coordinate system fixed to the antenna and the earth's coordinate system. The coordinate system on the antenna may also be different from the coordinate system used to describe the location of the satellite itself.

Since the kinetic energy of any satellite by definition is insufficient to escape the gravitational field of the primary body, its unperturbed orbit is periodic and closed. The period of revolution determined by Kepler's third law in the reference frame is

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$$T^2 = \frac{2\pi}{\mu} a^3 \tag{1}$$

where a is the semi-major axis of the elliptic orbit and  $\mu$  equals the product of the mass of the primary body and the universal gravitation constant, G. For the earth, a currently accepted value is

$$u = 3.98600800... \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}^2.$$
 (2)

A synchronous satellite has a period, T, equal to the sidereal period of rotation of its primary body; i.e., the time during which the earth makes a complete rotation relative to the vernal equinox. Note that the period for the earth is not 24 hours, because in one day, the earth rotates around its polar axis and also completes 1/365.24 of the annual earth orbit around the sun. Consequently, a geosynchronous satellite has a period given by

$$T_p = (1 - \frac{1}{365.242}) \times 24 \text{ hr.}$$
  
= 86164.09054 ephemeris seconds (3)  
 $\approx 23^h 56^m 4^s$  mean solar day

If

$$T = \alpha T_{p}$$
 (4)

where  $\alpha < 1$  the satellite is called subsynchronous.

In addition to the shape of the satellite antenna beam, the  $1/R^2$  factor for power density dependence can modify the shape of a footprint if the latter corresponds to a constant power contour. However, Figure 1 shows that the most this variation can be is about 1.3 dB for the synchronous altitude. That is,

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$$\log_{10}(R_{\text{max}}/R_{\text{min}}) = 1.3 \text{ dB}.$$

At subsynchronous altitudes, the variation in range becomes more pronounced.

Another possible modification of the footprint is caused by bending of the rays as they pass through the atmosphere. The effect would be greatest for stations on the horizon; i.e., stations which are required to operate at low elevation angles. For example, consider Anchorage, Alaska, at about 60°N latitude. Figure 2 shows the geometry for estimating the amount of bending of the rays. Thayer (1961) gives the following formula for the amount of bending of a radio ray in radians as it passes through an exponential atmosphere:

$$\tau(\text{rad.}) = 0.0003 \cot \sigma_o, \ \sigma_o > 15^{\circ}$$
 (5)

where  $\sigma_0$  is the take-off angle (electron angle), which, from the geometry in Figure 2, is about 22°. This value for the take-off angle gives a total bending of about 7.4  $\times$  10<sup>-4</sup> radians or about 0.043 degrees. The take-off

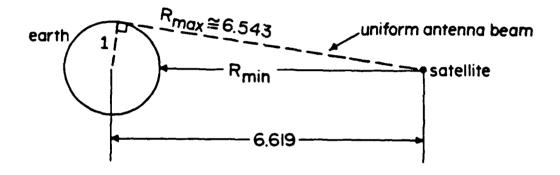


Figure 1. The effect of  $R^{-2}$  power density dependence on footprint shape. All distances are in earth radii.

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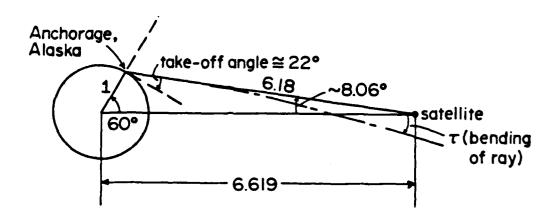


Figure 2. Geometry for estimating the amount of bending of a radio ray as it passes through an exponential atmosphere. All distances are in earth radii.

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angle should be greater than about 5° in a satellite-communications link to avoid excessive bending of the rays.

A third modification of the antenna footprint is due to the oblate spheroidal shape of the earth. Again, this effect is on the order of a few milliradians. A fourth modification is the effect of atmospheric absorption which becomes significant at EHF frequencies. For example, at 10 GHz the atmospheric attenuation will be about 2 dB at the horizon (Bean and Dutton, 1966). Jacobs and Stacy (1971) develop expressions for computing the footprints of satellite antennas with circularly symmetric patterns which takes into account not only the  $R^{-2}$  factor but also atmospheric attenuation.

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The footprint defines the area on the surface of the earth inside of which the system has a specified or greater level of sensitivity. The mathematical problem of finding the locus of the footprints can be solved in a straightforward manner using vector analysis. This report documents a computer program written to draw the locus of the footprints on computer generated maps. A particular feature of this analysis is the capability to generate footprints for a satellite which uses repetitively scanned beams to achieve the total required coverage.

#### II. VECTOR ANALYSIS

# A. SUN-SYNCHRONOUS ORBIT, ANTENNA SCANNING WITH RESPECT TO BODY-FIXED, VEHICLE-CENTERED COORDINATE SYSTEM

In this section, the equations for the locus of intersection points, i.e., the footprint of the satellite antenna beam and the spherical earth, are derived. The particular orbit investigated is a "sun-synchronous" orbit for which the satellite orbit will pass over a given latitude at the same local time-of-day for each pass. Because of this similarity of lighting and the near-consistency of the local time-of-day, most meteorological satellites like the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (Hollinger and Lo, 1984) are in this type of orbit. The inclination of the orbit with respect to the equator in the latitude-longitude coordinate system is shown in Figure 3. In the example considered in this report,  $i = 98.1^{\circ}$  and the circular altitude above the equator is about 833 km (Denner, 1982). The orbital period is about 101.5 minutes and the circular orbital velocity is about 6.58 km/sec, and the "grazing" orbit velocity is about 7.406 km/sec.

The geometry of the problem is displayed in Figure 3. In the derivation, the earth has unit radius so all distances are in earth radii. The position of the satellite in subsynchronous orbit from Figure 3 is given by the vector S,

$$\underline{S} = s \left( \underbrace{e_x} \sin\theta \cos\phi - \underbrace{e_y} \sin\theta \sin\phi + \underbrace{e_z} \cos\theta \right) \tag{7}$$

where unit vectors are denoted by <u>e</u> throughout this report and with s determined from the Vis-viva ("living force", Escobal, 1965) equation for a circular orbit

$$v^2 = \mu/s \tag{8}$$

with  $\mu$  = 1.000952348, and v the circular velocity, and s in earth radii units (1 circular satellite unit  $\approx$  7.905293 km/sec.). From Figure 3,

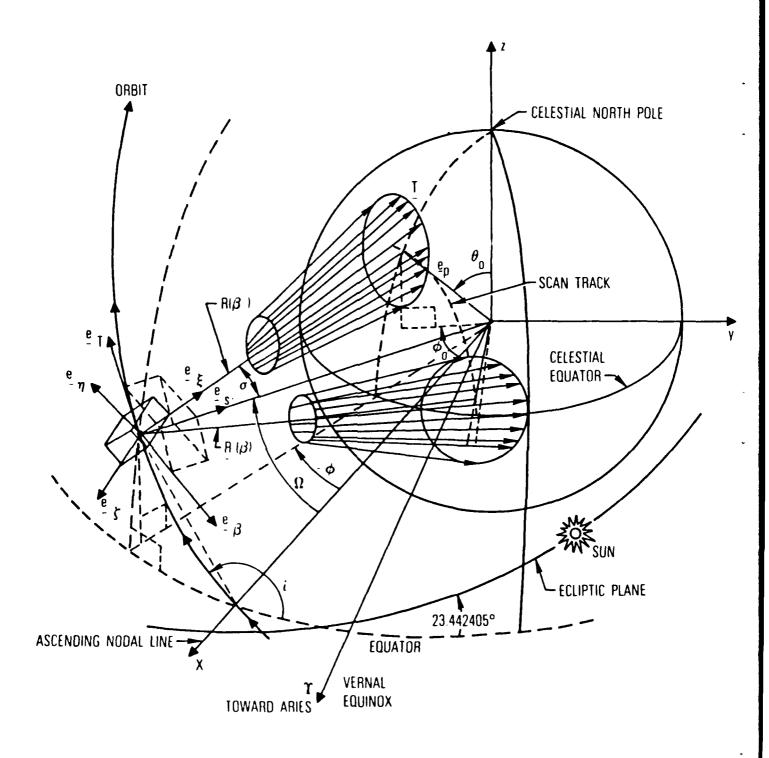


Figure 3. Geometry for footprints generated by a scanning antenna on a satellite in sub-synchronous orbit.

$$\underline{e}_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \underline{e}_{\mathbf{s}} = \cos\Omega = \sin\theta\cos\phi \tag{9}$$

and

$$(\underline{e}_{s} \times \underline{e}_{x}) \cdot \underline{e}_{y} = \sin \Omega \sin i = \cos \theta$$
 (10)

and

$$(\underline{e}_{s} \times \underline{e}_{x}) \cdot -\underline{e}_{z} = \sin\Omega \cos i = \sin\theta \sin\phi$$
 (11)

Basically, s, i and time, t, in Figure 3 determine the orbit with the angular variable,  $\Omega$ , given by

$$\Omega = \omega t = vt/s = \sqrt{\mu} t/s^{3/2}$$
 (12)

From Figure 3, a vector from the satellite to an arbitrary point on the scan track is

$$\underline{R} = \underline{e}_{p} - \underline{S} \tag{13}$$

with the latitude  $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}-\theta_{_{\rm O}}\right)$  and longitude,  $\phi_{_{\rm O}},$  of a point on the earth found from

$$\frac{e}{p} = \frac{e}{x} \sin\theta \cos\theta + \frac{e}{y} \sin\theta \sin\phi + \frac{e}{z} \cos\theta$$
 (14)

The vector  $\underline{R}$ , in terms of a coordinate system centered on the satellite with the unit vector  $\underline{e_T}$  pointing in the direction of motion and  $\underline{e_\beta}$  chosen to form a triad, is

$$\underline{R} = D \left[ -\cos \underline{\sigma}_{S} + \sin \sigma (\sin \underline{\beta}_{B} + \cos \beta \underline{e}_{T}) \right]$$
 (15)

with  $\beta$  =  $2\pi$  radians/T, where T is the period to make a scan, and  $\sigma$  the angle between the boresight direction of the antenna and a radial vector from the center of the earth and the satellite. From Equations (14) and (15) and the fact that  $\underline{e}_p \cdot \underline{e}_p = 1$  we find

$$1 = D^{2} \left[ \cos^{2} \sigma + \sin^{2} \sigma (\sin^{2} \beta + \cos^{2} \beta) \right] + 2s D \underline{R} \cdot \underline{e}_{s} + s^{2}$$

$$0 = D^{2} - 2sD \cos \sigma + s^{2} - 1$$
(16)

and solving for D

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$$D = s \cos \sigma - \left[1 - s^2 \sin^2 \sigma\right]^{1/2}$$
 (17)

the negative root selected corresponding to the point on the earth closest to the satellite or on the "lit" side. For example, if  $\sigma = \pi/4$ ,

$$D = \frac{s - \sqrt{2 - s^2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$
 (18)

and if s = 1.131463449 e.r.

$$D = 0.200 \tag{19}$$

and from Figure 4

$$p^2 = 1 + s^2 - 2s \cos\theta$$

or

$$\cos \theta = \frac{s^2 + 1 - p^2}{2s} = 0.989957$$

$$\theta \approx 8.127^{\circ}$$
(20)

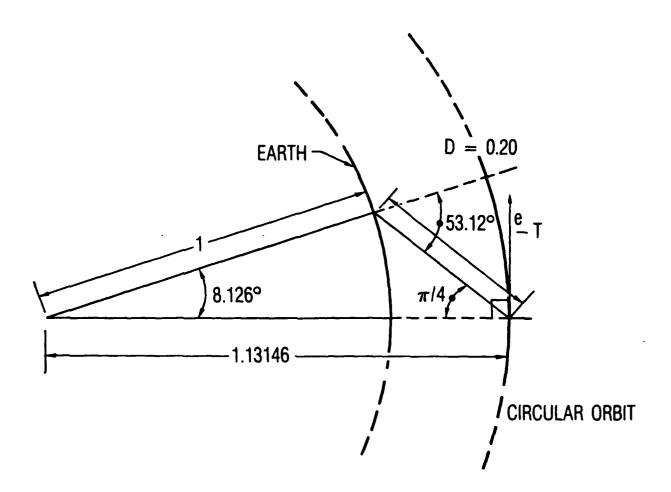


Figure 4. Parameters for a typical DMSP orbit.

To find the unit vector,  $\underline{e_T}$ , in the direction of motion, rotate frame 0xyz about the x-axis by the angle as

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin i & \cos i \\ 0 & -\cos i & \sin i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$
(21)

and the unit tangent vector,  $\mathbf{e}_{T}$ , in the xyz frame is

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$$\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{T}} = -\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{X}} \sin\Omega + \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{Z}} \cos\Omega \tag{22}$$

Therefore  $e_T$  in frame x'y'z' is from Equations (21) and (22)

$$\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin i & \cos i \\ 0 & -\cos i & \sin i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{x}} \sin \Omega \\ 0 \\ \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{z}} \cos \Omega \end{bmatrix}$$
(23)

$$\underline{e}_{T} = -\underline{e}_{x} \sin \Omega + \underline{e}_{y} \cos \Omega \cos i + \underline{e}_{z} \cos \Omega \sin i$$

Then, the third vector in the triad,  $\underline{e}_s$ ,  $\underline{e}_T$ ,  $\underline{e}_g$  is defined by

$$\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\beta} = \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{T} \times \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{S} \tag{24}$$

and substituting Equations (7) and (23) into (24) gives

$$\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\beta} = \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{y}} \sin \mathbf{i} - \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{z}} \cos \mathbf{i} \tag{25}$$

A check on the unit vectors  $\underline{e_T}$  and  $\underline{e_\beta}$  is provided by Equations (13) and (16) which implies

$$\left|\underline{R} + \underline{S}\right|^2 = D^2 + s^2 - 2Ds \cos\sigma \tag{26}$$

Substituting for R from Equation (15) and from (23) and (25), in terms of  $\underline{e}_{x}$ ,  $\underline{e}_{y}$  and  $\underline{e}_{z}$  shows indeed Equation (26) is satisfied.

Therefore, we can find typical colatitudes,  $\theta_{_{\scriptsize{0}}},$  and longitudes,  $\phi_{_{\scriptsize{0}}},$  along the scan track from

$$\frac{e}{p} = \frac{\underline{S} + \underline{R}}{\sqrt{D^2 + s^2 - 2Dscos\sigma}}$$
 (27)

and

$$\cos \theta_{0} = \frac{e}{-p} \cdot \frac{e}{-z}$$

$$\sin \theta_{0} \sin \phi_{0} = \frac{e}{-p} \cdot \frac{e}{-y}$$

$$\sin \theta_{0} \cos \phi_{0} = \frac{e}{-p} \cdot \frac{e}{-x}$$
(28)

Knowing  $\theta_0$  and  $\phi_0$  we can now construct a rectangular frame for defining the footprint; i.e.,  $\underline{e}_{\xi}$ ,  $\underline{e}_{\eta}$  and  $\underline{e}_{\zeta}$  in Figure 3. The first unit vector  $\underline{e}_{\xi}$  is defined as

$$\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\xi} = \underline{\mathbf{R}}/|\underline{\mathbf{R}}| \tag{29}$$

and from Equations (7), (15), (23) and (25) and a great deal of algebra one finds

From Figure 3

$$\underline{e}_{\eta} = \underline{e}_{\xi} \cos \sigma + \underline{e}_{\xi} \sin \sigma \tag{31}$$

$$+ \, \underline{e_{z}} \big( - \cos \sigma \, \sin \Omega \, \sin i \, - \, \sin \sigma \, \sin \beta \, \cos i \, + \, \sin \sigma \, \cos \beta \, \cos \Omega \, \sin i \, + \, \frac{\sin \Omega \, \sin i}{\cos \, \sigma} \big) \big\}$$

and the third vector in the triad  $e_{\xi}$ ,  $e_{\eta}$ ,  $e_{s}$  is

$$\frac{e_{\zeta}}{e_{\zeta}} = \frac{e_{\zeta}}{e_{\zeta}} \times \frac{e_{\eta}}{e_{\eta}}$$

$$= \frac{e_{\chi}}{e_{\chi}} \sin\beta \sin\Omega + \frac{e_{\chi}}{e_{\chi}} (\cos\beta \sin i - \sin\beta \cos i \cos\Omega)$$

$$- \frac{e_{\chi}}{e_{\chi}} (\cos\beta \cos i + \sin\beta \sin i \cos\Omega)$$
(32)

A typical generator of the antenna footprint is

$$\underline{\mathbf{T}} = \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{w}) \left[ \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\xi} + \mathbf{a} \left( \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\eta} \cos \omega + \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\xi} \sin \omega \right) \right]$$
 (33)

where a is the half-power antenna beam width. At a typical intersection point

$$\underline{S} + \underline{T} = \underline{e}_{p} \tag{34}$$

OF

$$\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{p} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{p} = 1 = s^{2} + t^{2} + 2 \underline{S} \cdot \underline{T}$$

which becomes after a great deal of algebra

$$t^{2} + \frac{2st(\cos\sigma + a \cos\omega\sin\sigma)}{1 + a^{2}} + \frac{(s^{2}-1)}{(1 + a^{2})} = 0$$
 (35)

The solution for t closest to the satellite is

$$t(\omega) = \frac{1}{(1+a^2)} \left\{ -s \left( -\cos\sigma + a\cos\omega \sin\sigma \right) - \left[ s^2 \left( -\cos\sigma + a\cos\omega \sin\sigma \right)^2 - \left( s^2 - 1 \right) \left( 1 + a^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} \right\}$$
(36)

The colatitude,  $\theta$ , and longitude,  $\phi$ , of a typical intersection point are

$$\cos\theta = \frac{e}{p} \cdot \frac{e}{z}$$

$$\sin\theta \cos\phi = \frac{e}{p} \cdot \frac{e}{x}$$

$$\sin\theta \sin\phi = \frac{e}{p} \cdot \frac{e}{y}$$
(37)

and this completes the derivation for the subsynchronous case.

## B. GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT

In this section the equations for the locus of intersection points of the satellite in geostationary orbit and a spherical earth are derived. The satellite is located in the equatorial plane (x-y plane in Figure 5) at an arbitrary longitude,  $\lambda_0$ , and at an arbitrary distance, s, from the origin. In vector notation, the satellite position is

$$\underline{S} = s(\underline{e}_{x} \cos \lambda_{0} + \underline{e}_{y} \sin \lambda_{0}). \tag{38}$$

The maximum of the antenna spot beam points to an arbitrary longitude and latitude  $(\lambda,\,\phi)$ , designated the aim point. In vector notation, the aim point is

$$\underline{e}_{p} = \underline{e}_{x} \cos \lambda \cos \phi + \underline{e}_{y} \sin \lambda \cos \phi + \underline{e}_{z} \sin \phi, \qquad (39)$$

which is a unit vector since the sphere has unit radius.

In order to relate the shape of the antenna beam on the satellite to the locus of intersection points on the sphere, an orthogonal coordinate system  $(\underline{e}_{\xi}, \underline{e}_{\eta}, \underline{e}_{\zeta})$  is erected at the satellite. From Figure 5, a unit vector from the satellite to the aim point is given by:

$$\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\xi} = \frac{\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{p}} - \underline{\mathbf{S}}}{|\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{p}} - \underline{\mathbf{S}}|}.$$
 (40)

Substituting Equations (38) and (39) into (40) gives

$$\frac{e}{\xi} = \left[ \frac{e}{x} (\cos \lambda \cos \phi - s \cos \lambda_0) + \frac{e}{y} (\sin \lambda \cos \phi - s \sin \lambda_0) + \frac{e}{z} \sin \phi \right] / d_1$$
(41)

with

$$d_{1} = \left[1 + s^{2} - 2s \cos\phi \cos(\lambda - \lambda_{o})\right]^{1/2}.$$
 (42)

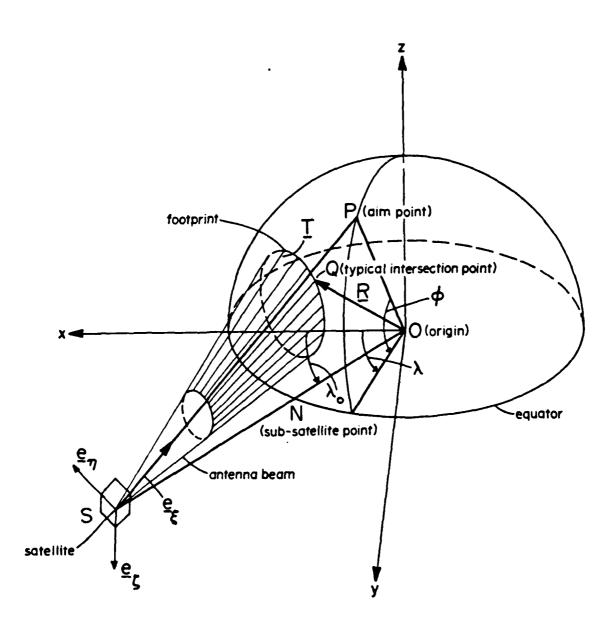
When the aim point and subsatellite point (N in Figure 5) coalesce so that  $\phi$  = 0 and  $\lambda$  =  $\lambda_0$ ,

$$\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\xi}(\phi = 0, \lambda = \lambda_{0}) = \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{x} \cos \lambda_{0} - \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{y} \sin \lambda_{0}$$
 (43)

since

$$d_1 = s - 1 \tag{44}$$

in this case. A second unit vector in the right-handed system used at the satellite is  $\underline{e}_{\eta}$ . Let  $\underline{e}_{\eta}$  lie in the  $\xi$ -z plane.



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Figure 5. Geometry for the derivation of footprints. The geostationary satellite at S is in the x-y (equatorial) plane.

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$$\underline{e}_{\eta} = \frac{-\underline{e}_{\xi} + \alpha \underline{e}_{z}}{|-\underline{e}_{\xi} + \alpha \underline{e}_{z}|}, \tag{45}$$

and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  is determined by the orthogonality condition

$$\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\eta} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\xi} = 0. \tag{46}$$

Substituting Equations (41) and (45) into (46) yields

$$\alpha = d_1/\sin\phi, \tag{47}$$

$$d_2 = \sqrt{d_1^2 - \sin^2 \phi}. (48)$$

Using Equation (40),  $\underline{e}_{\eta}$  can be expressed in terms of  $\underline{e}_{x}$ ,  $\underline{e}_{y}$ , and  $\underline{e}_{z}$  as follows:

$$\frac{e}{\eta} = -\frac{e}{\pi} \sin\phi(\cos\lambda \cos\phi - s \cos\lambda_0)/d_1 d_2$$

$$-\frac{e}{y} \sin\phi(\sin\lambda \cos\phi - s \sin\lambda_0)/d_1 d_2$$

$$+\frac{e}{z} (d_2/d_1). \tag{49}$$

In the case  $\phi = 0$ ,

$$\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{D}} = \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{z}} (\phi = 0),$$

as of course is expected.

The third member of the triad is constructed to form a right-handed system; i.e.,

$$\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\zeta} = \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\xi} \times \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{\eta}. \tag{50}$$

Substituting Equations (49) and (41) into (50) gives

$$\frac{e_{\zeta}}{= \frac{e_{\chi}(\sin\lambda\cos\phi - \sin\lambda_0)/d_2}{-\frac{e_{\chi}(\cos\lambda\cos\phi - \sin\lambda_0)/d_2}}.$$
(51)

Having taken care in deriving the orthogonal coordinate system at the satellite will permit writing an expression for a typical generator in the beam. From Figures 5 and 6, we can write

$$\underline{T} = t(\omega) \{ \underline{e}_{\xi} + \underline{e}_{\eta} (a \cos \omega \cos \beta - b \sin \omega \sin \beta) + \underline{e}_{\xi} (a \cos \omega \sin \beta + b \sin \omega \cos \beta) \},$$
 (52)

where  $t(\omega)$  is the length of the generator of the elliptic cone, a and b are the semi-minor and semi-major axes of the cross section of the elliptic cone, respectively,  $\beta$  is the tilt of the semi-major axis of the beam with respect to the  $\eta$ - $\zeta$  coordinate system, and  $\omega$  is the parameter that generates the elliptic cone as  $\omega$  varies from 0 to  $2\pi$  radians. An elliptic beam can be generated by using a reflector antenna with different dimensions in the two principal planes(sometimes referred to as "cut" parabolas). The tilt is produced by rotating the reflector about its generator axis.

From Figure 5, at a typical intersection point, Q, we have

$$\underline{R} = \underline{S} + \underline{T}, \tag{53}$$

and because R lies on a sphere of unit radius,

$$\underline{R} \cdot \underline{R} = |\underline{R}|^2 = 1 = \underline{T}^2 + \underline{S}^2 + 2\underline{T} \cdot \underline{S}.$$
 (54)

Substituting Equations (38) and (53) into Equation (54) gives the following quadratic equation in "t" for the intersection points of the antenna beam and the earth; i.e.,

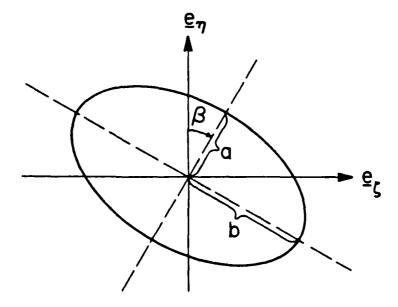


Figure 6. Cross section through titled elliptical antenna pattern.

$$a_0 t^2 + a_1 t + a_2 = 0 (55)$$

where

$$a_0 = 1 + (a \cos \omega)^2 + (b \sin \omega)^2$$
 (56a)

$$a_{1} = 2s\{\cos \lambda_{0}[(F_{1}/d_{1}) - (F_{2}F_{5})/d_{1}d_{2}) + (F_{3}F_{6}/d_{2})] + \sin \lambda_{0}[F_{3}/d_{1}) - (F_{4}F_{5}/d_{1}d_{2}) - (F_{1}F_{6}/d_{2})]\}$$
(56b)

$$a_2 = s^2 - 1$$
 (56c)

$$F_{i} = \cos \lambda \cos \phi - s \cos \lambda_{o} \tag{56d}$$

$$F_2 = \sin\phi F_1 \tag{56e}$$

$$F_3 = \sin\lambda \, \cos\phi - s \, \sin\lambda_0 \tag{56f}$$

$$F_4 = \sin\phi F_3 \tag{56g}$$

$$F_5 = a \cos \omega \cos \beta - b \sin \omega \sin \beta$$
 (56h)

$$F_6 = a \cos \omega \sin \beta + b \sin \omega \cos \beta$$
 (561)

$$F_7 = a_1^2 - 4a_0^2 a_2^2. ag{56j}$$

In the computer program in Appendix A (F00T2), the parameter  $F_7$  is tested as  $\omega$  varies from 0 to  $2\pi$  to see if  $F_7$  is less than zero, since these values of  $\omega$  correspond to antenna rays which do not intersect the earth. When  $F_7$  equals zero, the antenna rays graze the earth.

The solution of the quadratic equation (55) has two roots corresponding to an intersection point on the near or lit side of the sphere and an

intersection point on the back side or shaded side of the sphere. Since  $a_1 < 0$ , the smaller of the two roots or the intersection point on the lit side is

$$t = \frac{-a_1 - \sqrt{F_7}}{2a_0},$$
 (57)

and when  $F_7 = 0$  or

$$a_1 = -\sqrt{a_0^a a_2},$$
 (58)

the generators of the antenna beam are parallel to the sphere. Equation (58) defines the optical horizon or "limb line" to which we return shortly. As an example of the solution of Equation (58), suppose  $\phi = 0$ ,  $\lambda - \lambda_0 = 0$ ; i.e., the aim point is at the intersection of the Greenwich meridian and the equator. The satellite is also at the Greenwich meridian. Also, assume the antenna beam is circular (N.B., in this case the tilt angle,  $\beta$ , is superfluous). Then

$$F_1 = 1 - s,$$
 $F_2 = F_3 = F_4 = 0$ 
 $a_0 = 1 + a^2,$ 
 $a_1 = -2s,$ 
 $a_2 = s^2 - 1.$ 

Then Equation (58) gives

$$t = \frac{s - \sqrt{1 - a^2(s^2 - 1)}}{1 + a^2},$$
 (59)

and for the antenna beam to just graze the sphere,

$$a = \sqrt{s^2 - 1} . (60)$$

Substituting (59) and (60) into (52) gives

$$\underline{T} = \frac{s^2 - 1}{s} \left[ \underline{e}_{\xi} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 - 1}} \left( \underline{e}_{\eta} \cos \omega + \underline{e}_{\xi} \sin \omega \right) \right], \tag{61}$$

the generator of the limb line or optical horizon. Figure 7 shows the distances comprising the grazing ray in Equation (62). Note that Equation (61) gives

$$|\underline{\mathbf{T}}| = \sqrt{\underline{\mathbf{T}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{T}}} = \sqrt{\mathbf{s}^2 - 1}, \tag{62}$$

which agrees with Figure 7.

The latitude and longitude for an arbitrary point on the limb line for an arbitrary satellite longitude,  $\lambda_0$ , are

$$\phi = \sin^{-1}(\sqrt{s^2 - 1} \cos \omega/s), \qquad (63)$$

and

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$$\lambda = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sin \lambda_o + \frac{\sqrt{s^2 - 1}}{s} \left( -\sqrt{s^2 - 1} \sin \lambda_o + \sin \omega \cos \lambda_o \right)}{\sin \lambda_o + \sin \omega \sin \lambda_o} \right\}, \qquad (64)$$

respectively.

Equation (52) represents the generator of the footprint, and one can now calculate the latitude and longitude of a typical intersection point on the footpoint. From Figure 5, we see that the latitude of a typical intersection point,  $\phi_i$ , is determined by

$$\sin\phi_i = \underline{e}_z \cdot \underline{R}, \tag{65}$$

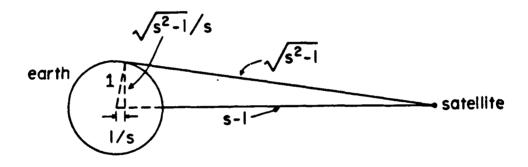


Figure 7. Geometry for derivation of limb line.

(N.B.,  $\underline{\mathbf{r}}$  is a unit vector). Substituting Equations (38), (52), and (53) into (65) gives

$$\phi_1 = \sin^{-1}[(t(\omega)/d_1)(\sin\phi + F_5d_2)].$$
 (66)

In order to determine the proper quadrant for the longitude of a typical intersection point,  $\lambda_{i}$ , one must compute

$$F_8 = \underline{e}_v \cdot \underline{R} = \cos\phi \sin\lambda_i \tag{67}$$

and

$$F_9 = \underline{e}_x \cdot \underline{R} = \cos\phi_i \quad \cos\lambda_i \tag{68}$$

Substituting Equations (37), (52), and (53) into (68) and (69) gives

$$F_8 = s \sin \lambda_0 + t(\omega)[(F_3/d_1) - (F_4F_5/d_1d_2) - (F_1F_6/d_2)]$$
 (69)

and

$$F_9 = s \cos \lambda_0 + t(\omega)[(F_1/d_1) - (F_2F_5/d_1d_2) + (F_3F_6/d_2)],$$
 (70)

so that the longitude is

$$\lambda_i = \tan^{-1}(F_8/F_9). \tag{71}$$

In Appendix A the computer program is given for computing the latitude and longitudes  $(\phi_i, \lambda_i)$  of the locus of intersection points at half-degree increments in the parameter  $\omega$ .

# C. METHOD FOR DETERMINING WHETHER ARBITRARY POINT ON SURFACE OF A SPHERE IS INSIDE OR OUTSIDE A GIVEN FOOTPRINT

The arbitrary point may represent the location of a receiving antenna on the surface of the earth and be specified in terms of its latitude and longitude. Using the "winding number" concept (Ahlfors, 1966), we have

$$\sum_{\mathbf{i}} \left\{ \arg \left[ f((\mathbf{i} + 1)\Delta \omega) - f_{\mathbf{j}} \right] - \arg \left[ f(\mathbf{i}\Delta \omega) - f_{\mathbf{j}} \right] \right\} = \begin{cases} 2\pi, & f_{\mathbf{j}} & \text{inside} \\ 0, & f_{\mathbf{j}} & \text{outside} \end{cases}$$
(72)

where  $\Delta \omega = \pi/360$  and arg is the argument of the difference of the complex functions inside the brackets and

$$f(\omega) = \lambda(\omega) + i\phi(\omega) \tag{73}$$

where  $\lambda$  and  $\phi$  are the longitude and latitude computed from Equations (71) and (66).

### D. PROJECTIONS

The continental borders and antenna footprints are plotted according to the type of projection. That is, points on the earth defined by latitude and longitude are transformed to points in the plane of projection (the U, V plane) in which the map and footprints are plotted. The particular algorithm used to plot the world map backgrounds and overlay data, such as a satellite ground trace or antenna footprint, on the requested map projection is WORLD.

#### 1. AZIMUTHAL PROJECTIONS

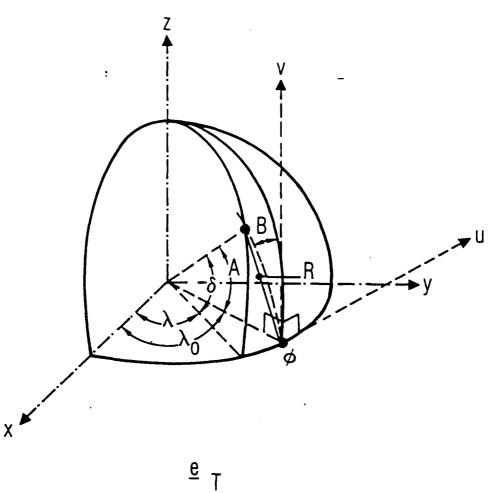
The U,V plane is tangential to the earth at the point  $\phi$  (POLAT, POLONG), which transforms to the origin,  $\phi'(0,0)$ , in the U,V plane in Figure 8. Let P be a point on the earth at an angular distance, A, from the point  $\phi$  (POLAT, POLONG). Let B be the angle between the great circle  $\Phi$ P and the meridian at  $\Phi$ . Then from Figure 8

$$\frac{\mathbf{e}}{\mathbf{R}_{1}} = \frac{\mathbf{e}}{\mathbf{x}} \cos \lambda_{0} + \frac{\mathbf{e}}{\mathbf{y}} \sin \lambda_{0} \tag{74}$$

and

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$$\underline{e}_{R_2} = \underline{e}_x \cos \delta \cos \lambda + \underline{e}_y \cos \delta \sin \lambda + \underline{e}_z \sin \delta \tag{75}$$



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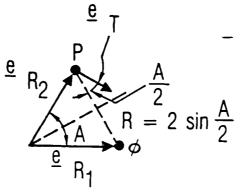


Figure 8. Transformation from U-V plane to latitude-longitude on earth.

so that

$$\underline{T} = \frac{\frac{e_{R_2} - \frac{e_{R_1}}{1}}{|\frac{e_{R_2} - \frac{e_{R_1}}{1}|}} \frac{1}{\cos^{\frac{A}{2}}}$$
(76)

with

$$\left|\frac{e}{R_1} - \frac{e}{R_2}\right| = 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \tag{77}$$

Substituting (77) into (76) gives

$$\underline{\mathbf{T}} = \frac{\underline{\mathbf{e}}_{R_2} - \underline{\mathbf{e}}_{R_1}}{\sin A} \tag{78}$$

Then

$$\cos B = \underline{e}_{T} \quad \underline{e}_{Z} = \sin \delta / \sin A \tag{79}$$

and

$$\cos A = \cos \delta \cos (\lambda - \lambda_0) \tag{80}$$

with

$$R = r \sin \frac{A}{2} \tag{81}$$

## Stereographic projection

R = TAN(A/2) = (1.-COSA)/SINA As  $A + 180^{\circ}$ ,  $R \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus, the entire surface of the globe transforms to the entire U,V plane. In practice, distortion becomes great beyond R=2, or  $A \sim 130^{\circ}$ .

### Orthographic projection

R = SINA. This projection plots a hemisphere within radius R=1. The maximum possible value of A=90°.

### Lambert equal area projection

R is calculated by the two Fortran statements

R = (1.+COSA)/SINA

R = 2./SQRT(1. + R\*R).

As A  $\rightarrow$  180°, R  $\rightarrow$  2, and the entire surface of the globe is plotted within a radius R-2. The maximum value of A-180°.

### Gnomonic projection

R = SINA/COSA As A + 90°, R +  $\infty$ . A hemisphere is plotted over the entire U,V. In practice, distortion becomes great beyond R=2, or A ~ 65°.

### Azimuthal equidistant projections

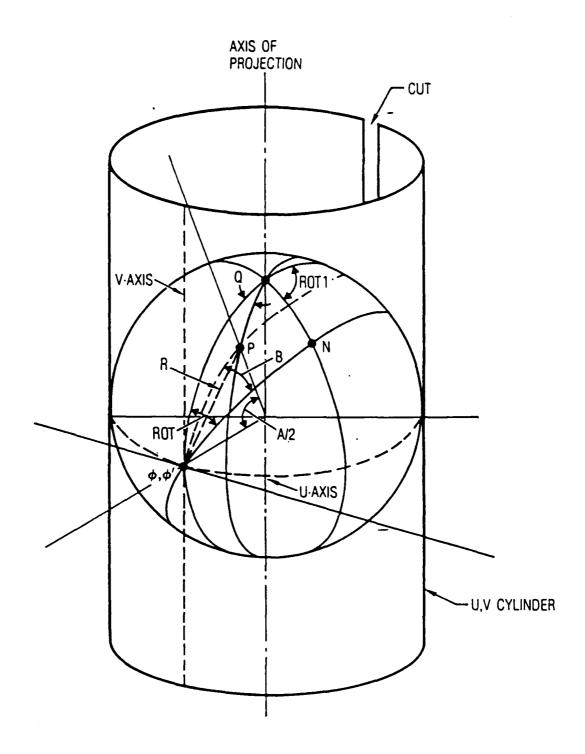
R = A (in radians) = ACOS(COSA) As  $A + 180^{\circ}$ ,  $R + \pi$ . The entire globe surface is plotted within a radius  $R = \pi$ .

#### Cylindrical projections

The U,V plane must be imagined to be wrapped around the globe to form a cylinder, the U-axis touching the globe on some great circle (see Figure 9). The axis of the projection is perpendicular to this great circle and parallel to the V-axis. The point  $\phi(POLAT,POLONG)$  transforms to the origin,  $\phi'(0,0)$ , of the projection lines on the great circle. The limits of the U-axis are defined by a cut in the cylinder parallel to its axis and diametrically opposite to  $\phi$ . The pole of the projection, Q, is the point 90° from the great circle in the direction of +V. ROT is the angle between the V-axis and north at  $\phi$ . These points and N, the north pole, are shown in Figure 9. Points on the surface of the globe are transformed to points in the U,V cylinder by the rule appropriate to the projection.

The latitude and longitude of Q are calculated in terms of the latitude and longitude of  $\varphi$  and the angle R $\varphi T$ . The angle R $\varphi T1$  (see Figure 9) is also computed.

In Figure 9, P is some general point on the surface of the globe. A is the angular distance of P from Q. B is the angle between the great circles QN and QP. The quantities



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Figure 9. Definition of various parameters used in cylindrical projections.

SINA = SIN(A), COSA = COS(A)

SINB = SINB(B), COSB = COS(B)

SINR = SIN(ROT1), COSR = COS(ROT1)

are computed.

Let P'(U,V) be the point on the U,V plane corresponding to the point P on the surface of the globe. Then U is proportional to the angle  $\alpha$  (see Figure 9). The value of V depends upon the type of projection. The coordinates of P' are given below.

# Cylindrical equidistant projection

 $U = \alpha \text{ (in degrees)}$ 

- = ATAN2(SIN(B+ROT1), COS(B+ROT1))/F
- = ATAN2(SINB\*COSR+COSB\*SINR,SINB\*SINB\*SINR-COSB\*COSR)/F

Here division by F converts radians to degrees.

 $V \approx 90.-A$  (in degrees)

= 90.-ACOS(COSA)/F

The entire surface of the globe is transformed to a rectangle in the U,V plane

 $-180. \le 180.$ 

- 90. < 90.

# Mercator projection with arbitrary pole

 $U = \alpha$  (in radians)

= ATAN2(SINB\*COST+COSB\*SINR,SINB\*SINR-COSB\*COSR)

V = ALOG(COT(A/2))

= ALOG((1.+COSA)/SINA)

The entire surface of the globe is transformed to an infinite rectangle in the U,V plane. As A + 0, V +  $\infty$ ; as A + 180°, V +  $-\infty$ . When  $\alpha$  = 180°, U =  $\pi$ , when  $\alpha$  = -180°, U =  $\pi$ . Hence  $-\infty \le V \le \infty$ 

-π <u>< U <</u> π

In practice distortion becomes great for  $A < 5^{\circ}$  or >175°.

# Mollweide-type projection

The projection used is not a true Mollweide. The coordinates of P' are given by

V = COSA

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U is given by the two Fortran statements

U = ATAN2(SINB\*COSR+COSB\*SINR,SINB\*SINR-COSB\*COSR)

$$U + U*.5*SQRT(1-V*V)/ATAN(1.0)$$

The entire surface of the globe transforms to an ellipse in the U,V plane. The major and minor axes of the ellipse are along the U and V axes, respectively.

$$-1 \cdot 8 \ V \leq 1 \cdot$$

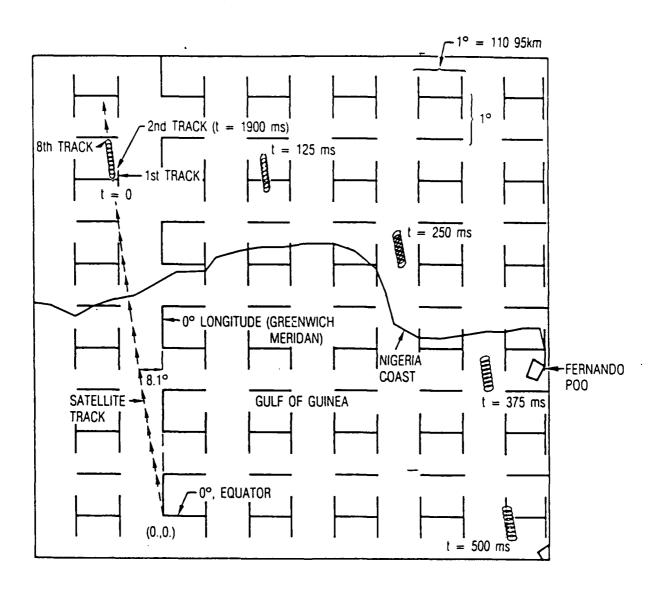
#### III. EXAMPLES

The following examples will serve to demonstrate the use of the computer programs given in Appendix A and provide insight into the shape of footprints produced by various beams on satellites in sunsynchronous or geostationary orbit. The world map was produced using subroutine WORLDS (Gurlitz, 1981).

Consider the following example for a sunsynchronous satellite located a distance s=1.131463449 e.r. and at an inclination of 98.1° (this corresponds to a DMSP application). The half-power beamwidth is 0.005069 rad. and  $\sigma=\pi/4$ . Figure 10 shows the footprints at five instants of time separated 125 millisec (the entire scan in this example takes 1.9 sec.) and for eight passes. Note how the given circular antenna beam becomes an elliptical footprint with major axis nearly parallel to a meridian at t=0 while the footprint becomes an ellipse with major axis nearly parallel to the equator 540 millsec. later.

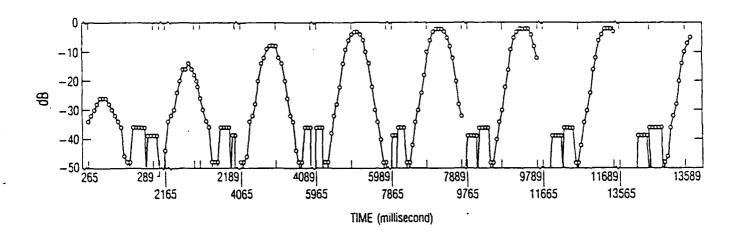
Figure 11 shows the received voltage versus time for the first seven passes of the sunsynchronous satellite. The period for a pass is 1900 millisec. The flattening at the top of the beam in Figure 11 results from the limited sampling of the antenna pattern data near the beam peak. The location of the transmitter and 2 and 10 dB footprints for the first three passes and part of pass 4 are shown in Figure 12. The data for the satellite antenna beamwidth were taken from the LFMR Midterm Status Review, 1 February 1985.

Next, consider a satellite in geostationary orbit at 6.619 e.r. and  $\lambda_0$  = 100°W. The 3-dB beamwidths in the two planes are 0.017454 rad. and 0.03491 rad. respectively and the tilt angle  $\beta$  = 35°. Figure 13 shows the footprint.



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Figure 10. Footprints for satelite in sun-synchronous orbit, at an inclination of 98.1°. The separation in time of footprints in 125 millisec. The second track occurs 1900 millisec after track number 1.



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Figure 11. Time series for sun-synchronom orbit at an inclination of 98.1°. The ordinate represents the received signal power from a transmitter or the ground as shown in Figure 12.

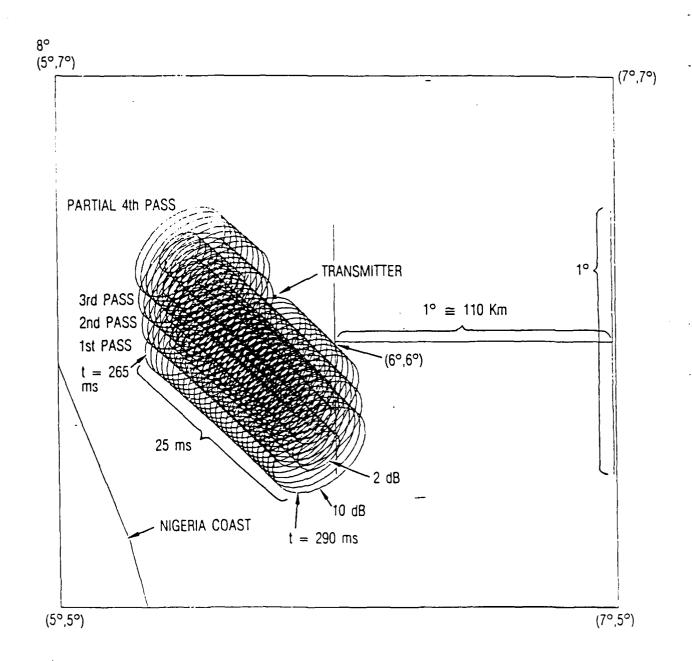


Figure 12. 2 and 10-dB footprints for 4 passes of sum-synchronous satellite near transmitter.

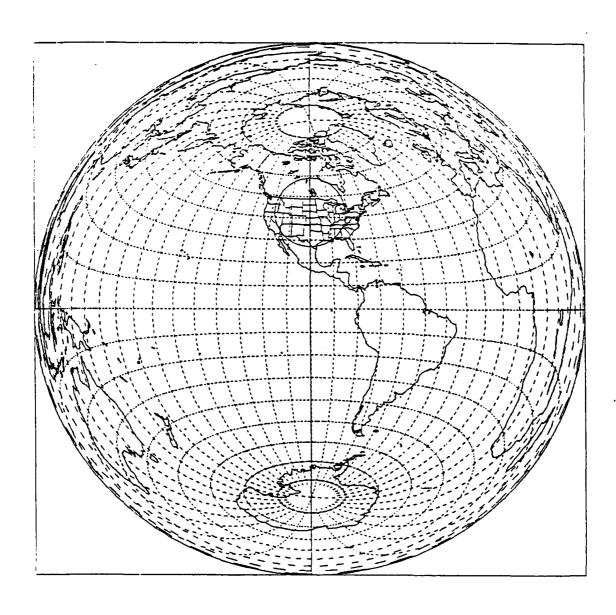


Figure 13. Footprints for a satellite in geostationary orbit. Satellite longitude is 100° West.

### IV. CONCLUDING REMARKS

The vector analysis plus numerical method for generating earth coverage footprints for subsynchronous and geostationary satellites is given. The computer algorithms should provide a useful tool for determining the coverage of regions on the earth by various types of antenna beams and configurations of antennas.

These earth coverage footprints are used in the study of the requirements of the spacecraft antennas. For example, some of the considerations are: 1) a narrower spot beam on the earth requires a larger satellite antenna reflector; 2) the overlap of spot beams may result in the need for multiple frequencies or the use of orthogonal polarizations; 3) larger spacecraft antennas mean an increase in gain which in turn may result in a decrease in transmitter power; 4) the beam coverage influences the number of transponders used at the satellite; and 5) communication and radar systems and better ground resolution for radiometric remote sensing applications.

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The question of satellite coverage on the surface of the earth is not new (Siocos, 1973) and the derivations of the geometrical distances are probably numerous. However, the derivations given in this report based upon vector analysis are simpler than those based upon spherical trignometry (Jacobs and Stacey, 1971; Adamy, 1974). Also, the versatility of the shape and tilt of the satellite antenna beam (i.e., elliptic in cross section with arbitrary orientation of semi-minor and semi-major axes) is an added feature not found elsewhere as far as is known. Jacobs and Stacy (1971) and Adamy (1974) develop mathematical expressions for computing earth footprints assuming circular symmetrical antenna beams.

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# APPENDIX A

# COMPUTER PROGRAMS

The following is a listing of the control "cards" for compiling, linking and executing the program for drawing footprints for a sun-synchronous satellite. The job is submitted as a batch job to the CDC 176 (Mainframe X).

- 100 F19EZ,STMFX(mainframe),P3000(priority),T5000(time limit in octal sec.), MS160000(storage),NTO(no magnetic tapes)
- 110 ACCOUNT (OTT, R. 17533 F19EZ574910 A21259 54115 6530)
- 120 XMIT, OUTPUT. (send output file to IBM printer)
- 130 FILE, FOOT, TR=Z, BT=C, FL=80.
- 140 ATTACH, FOOT, ID=17533, ST=PF6 (attach FORTRAN prog)
- 150 COPY, FOOT, IN.

  FTN5 (FORTRAN77) does not interpret Record type = Z format. Therefore, need the copy command which converts FOOT with record type Z to record type W (word control). The default record type on upper Cyber is W.
- 160 REWIND, IN.
- 170 FILE, DATA, RT=Z, BT=C, FL=80. Attach data file giving latitude and longitude of central point of projection, projection type, flag for plotting data from Tape 12, latitude and longitude grid spacings, etc.
- 180 ATTACH, DATA, DATA, ID=17533, ST=PF6.
- 190 FTN5, I=IN, LO=R/A/M/S, PL=15000.
- 200 ATTACH, WRLLIB, WORLD5LIB, ID=12730. Attach map plotting routine
- 210 ATTACH, PLIB, FTN5PLOTLIB. :Attach system plotting library
- 220 ATTACH, TAPE8, 1BKGD, ID=12730 Attach continential background data file
- 230 LIBRARY, WRLLIB, PLIB.
- 240 LOAD(LGO)

  LOAD sequence, here the load consists of modules from three different files and execute as a single program

Link

- 250 EXECUTE(,DATA)
- 260 HARDCPY. Command for making hardcopy plots.

The following is a FORTRAN77 program for drawing footprints from a satellite in sun-synchronous orbit together with continental boundaries.

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list
          PROGRAM FOOT4 (INFUT, TAPE5=INFUT, OUTFUT, TAPE6=OUTFUT)
100
          DIMENSION UFOOT (181,84), VF00T (181,84)
110
          DIMENSION A(30), ID(7)
120
          COMPLEX W(181),ZO
130
          NAMELIST/DATA/IFROJ, FOLON, IBEAM, TITLE, LIMIT, LATMX,
140
          1 LATMN, LONMN, LONMX, POLAT, SCLLAT, SCLLON
150
160 C
                DECLARE TAPE FOR CONTINENTAL BACKGROUND DATA FILE
170 C
180 C
           OFEN (UNIT=8.FORM= UNFORMATTED )
190
           CALL PRPLOT (3H300,4HPLOT)
200
210
           ID(1) = 1
220
           ID(2) = 2
230
           ID(3) = -1
           ID(4) = 0
240
           10(5) = 1
250
           ID(6) = 2
260
           ID(7) = -1
270
           z_0 = (0.1009, 0.1076)
280
         WRITE(6,1) ZO
1 FORMAT(2X, LAT-LONG(RAD) = ,2E20.8)
290
300
           PI = 3.1415926536
310
320
           S = 1,131463449
           AI = 98.1
330
340
           LTYPEI = 2
           IBMIN1 = 21
350
360
           ISYMB1 = 7
           IFREQ1 = 1
370
           Z1 = (180./PI)*AIMAG(Z0)
380
           Z2 = (180./PI)*REAL(Z0)
390
           WRITE(12) LTYPE1, IBMIN1, ISYMB1, IFREQ1, 1, Z1, Z2
400
           A(1) = 0.0047124
410
           A(2) = 0.006109
420
           A(3) = 0.006807
430
           A(4) = 0.007697
440
           A(5) = 0.008378
450
           A(6) = 0.008901
460
           A(7) = 0.009599
470
480
           A(8) = 0.010123
           A(9) = 0.010472
49Ú
           A(10) = 0.011519
500
           A(11) = 0.012217
510
           A(12) = 0.012915
520
530
           A(13) = 0.013614
           A(14) = 0.014137
540
550
          A(15) = 0.014835
           A(16) = 0.015359
560
           A(17) = 0.015708
570
           A(18) = 0.016581
 580
           A(19) = 0.017453
 590
           A(20) = 0.018850
 600
           A(21) = 0.0202458
 610
620
           A(22) = 0.02094395
           A(23) = 0.021293017
 630
 640
           A(24) = 0.021642
           A(25) = 0.0219911
 650
 660
           A(26) = 0.0223402
           A(27) = 0.022689
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           A(28) = 0.02740
           A(29) = 0.0366519
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          SIGMA = (PI/4.) + 0.9*0.01745329
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           SIGMA = (PI/4.)
        WRITE(6.2) AI.S.A(2).SIGMA
2 FORMAT(2X, INCLINATION OF ORBIT(DEG) = .F10.3,/,2X,
730
740
         1 SATELLITE ALTITUDE IN EARTH RADII UNITS = ',F10.3,/,2X,
750
          2^{-3}-DB BEAMWIDTH(RAD) = ',F10.6,/,2X,
760
          3 ANTENNA POINTING ANGLE(RAD) = ,F10.3)
770
780
          RO = (PI/180.)*AI
          R1 = COS(R0)
790
          R2 = SIN(R0)
800
          R3COS (SIGMA)
810
820
           R4 = SIN(SIGMA)
           DBETA = S*R3 - SQRT(1. - (S**2)*(R4**2))
830
840
          WRITE(6.3) DBETA
        3 FORMAT(2X, 'DISTANCE OF SATELLITE TO SCAN POINT =
850
                                                                 ,F10.3)
860
          LTYPE = 1
870
           IBMIN = 17
880
           ISYMB = 0
890
           IFREQ = 1
           SCLLAT = 1.
900
910
          SCLLON = 1.
920 C
930 C
                TIME LOOP
940 C
950
          DO 10 I=1,200
960
           II = I-1
970 C
980 C
                DECLARE TAPE FOR LATITUDE AND LONGITUED FOINTS
990 C
           OPEN(UNIT=12,FORM='UNFORMATTED')
1000
1010
            IF(1.GT.25) GO TO 70
1020
           FI = II_1 + 265.
1030
            GO TO 80
1040
        70 IF(I.GT.50) GO TO 71
1050
           FI = MOD(II.25) + 2165.
1060
           GO TO 80
1070
        71 IF(I.GT.75) GO TO 72
1080
           FI = MOD(II,50) + 4065.
1090
           GO TO 80
1100
        72 IF(I.GT.100) GO TO 73
           FI = MOD(II,75) + 5965.
1110
           60 TO 80
1120
        73 IF(I,GT.125) GO TO 74
1130
1140
           FI = MOD(II, 100) + 7865.
1150
           GO TO 80
        74 IF(I.GT.150) GO TO 75
1160
1170
           FI = MOD(II, 125) + 9765.
1180
           GO TO 80
1190
        75 IF(I.GT.175) GO TO 76
1200
           FI = MOD(II, 150) + 11665.
1210
           GO TO 80
1220
        76 \text{ FI} = \text{MOD}(\text{II}, 175) + 13565.
1230
        80 CONTINUE
1240
            R9 = 0.000915173*0.001*FI
1250
            R10 = COS(R9)
            R11 = SIN(R9)
1260
           R12 = R11*R2
1270
1280
            R13 = ACDS(R12)
            R14 = SIN(R13)
1290
1300
            R15 = R11 + R1 / R14
1310
            R16 = ASIN(R15)
            R17 = (PI/2.) - R13
1320
1330
            R18 = (180./PI)*R17
1340
            R19 = (180./PI) *R16
1350
            WRITE(6,4) R18,R19
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4 FORMATICEX, LATITUDE OF SATELLITE(DEG) = -
                                                      ,E20.8,/,2x,
1560
          1 LONGITUDE OF SATELLITE DEGREES WEST = '.E20.8)
1370
1380
           BETA = 0.003306940 *FI
           R20 = COS(BETA)
1390
           R21 = SIN(BETA)
1400
1410 C
                BEAMWIDTH LOOP
1420 C
1430 C'
1440
           DD 40 L=1,30
           R5 = A(L)
1450
           R6 = 1. + R5**2
1460
           R7 = 5**2 - 1.
1470
1480
           RB = R6*R7
           LASTJ = 0
1490
1500
           JJ = 0
1510 C
                 FOOTPRINT GENERATOR LOOP
1520 C
1530 C
1540
           DO 20 J=1,181
1550
           FJ = 2.*J
           OMEGA = (FI/180.)*FJ
1560
           R22 = COS (OMEGA)
1570
1580
           R23 = SIN(OMEGA)
1590
           R24 = -R3 + R5*R22*R4
           R25 = -S*R24
1600
           R26 = R25*R25 - R8
1610
           IF(R26.GT.O.) GO TO 30
1620
1630
           LASTJ = J
           GO TO 20
1640
1650
        30 JJ = J - LASTJ
           T = (R25 - SQRT(R26))/R6
1660
1670
           R27 = S*R11*R2
           R28 = -R3*R11*R2
1680
1690
           R29 = -R4*R21*R1
           R30 = R4*R20*R10*R2
1700
1710
           R31 = R11 + R2/R3
           R32 = R20*R1
1720
1730
           R33 = R21*R2*R10
           R34 = R3#R10
1740
1750
           R35 = R4*R11*R20
1760
           R36 = -R10/R3
1770
           R37 = S*R21*R11
           R38 = R11*R1
1780
1790
           R39 = -R3*R11*R1
           R40 = R4*R21*R2
1800
1810
           R41 = R4*R20*R10*R1
           R42 = R11+R1/R3
1820
            R43 = R20*R2
1830
1840
            R44 = -R21*R1*R10
            COSTHET = R27 + T*(R28 + R29 + R30 + (R5*R22*R3/R4)*(R28 + R29 + R30)
1850
           1 R29 + R30 + R31) - (R5*R23)*(R32 + R33))
1860
           STHCPH = S*R10 - T*(R34 + R35 + (R5*R22*R3/R4)*(R34 + R35 + R35)
1870
           1 R36) - (R5*R23)*R37)
1880
           7HSPH = R38 + T*(R39 + R40 + R41 + (R5*R22*R3/R4)*(R39 +
1890
           1 R40 + R41 + R42) + (R5*R23)*(R43 + R44))
1900
1910
            R45 = ACOS(COSTHET)
            R46 = ATAN2 (STHSPH, STHCPH)
1920
1930
            R47 = (PI/2.) - R45
            W(J) = R46 + (0.,1.)*R47
1940
1950
            IF(1.GT.84) GO TO 20
            UFOOT(JJ,I) = R47/(PI/180.)
1960
1970
            VFOOT(JJ,I) = R46/(PI/180.)
1980
         20 CONTINUE
1990
            IF((L.EQ.1.AND.I.LE.84).OR.(L.EQ.9.AND.I.LE.84)) GO TO 21
2000
            GO TO 22
2010
         21 WRITE(12) LTYPE, IBMIN, ISYMB, IFREQ,
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1 JJ, (UFUOT (K., L), VEUUT (K., L), K=1, JJ)
2020
        22 CONTINUE
2030
2040 C
                 CHECK IF ZO IS INSIDE FOOTPRINT
2050 €
2060 C
           ISUM = 0
2070
           DO 11 K=1,181
2080
           KK = K + 1
2090
            IF(KK.EQ.182) KK=1
2100
           KKK = INQUAD(W(KK) - ZO) - INQUAD(W(K) - ZO)
2110
            JD = ID(4 + KKK)
2120
            IF(JD.EQ.2) GO TO 12
2130
        11 ISUM = ISUM + JD
2140
            IF (ISUM. EQ. 0) GO TO 12
2150
            WRITE(6,13) FI,L,A(L)
2160
        13 FORMAT(2X, TIME(MILLISEC) = ',E20.8,2X,'3-DB BEAMWIDTH(RAD)
2170
             (L = ', 15, ') = ', F10.7)
2180
            GO TO 10
2190
2200
        12 CONTINUE
        40 CONTINUE
2210
         10 CONTINUE
2220
2230
            CLOSE (12)
            OPEN(12,FORM='UNFORMATTED')
2240
2250
            REWIND 12
            CALL WORLDS (5,6)
2260
2270
            CALL ENPLOT
            CLOSE (12)
2280
            CLOSE (8)
2290
2300
            STOP
            END
2310
            FUNCTION INQUAD(ZZ)
2320
            COMPLEX Z,ZZ
2330
2340
            Z=ZZ
2350
            IF (REAL(Z)) 1,2,3
          1 IF(AIMAG(Z)) 11,11,12
2360
2370
         11 INQUAD = 3
            RETURN
2380
         12 INQUAD = 2
2390
 2400
            RETURN
          2 IF(AIMAG(Z)) 21,22,12
 2410
         21 INQUAD = 4
 2420
            RETURN
 2430
         22 INQUAD = 0
 2440
 2450
            RETURN
          3 IF (AIMAG(Z)) 21,31,31
 2460
 2470
         31 INQUAD = 1
            RETURN
 2480
 2490
            END
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           FROGRAM FOOT2 (INFUT, TAPES=INFUT, OUTFUT, TAPE6=OUTFUT)
100
           DIMENSION UFOOT (361), VFOOT (361)
110
           NAMELIST/DATA/IPROJ, FOLON, IBEAM, TITLE, LIMIT, LATMX, LATMN.
120
          1 LONMN, LONMX, POLAT, SCLLAT, SSCLON
130
           OPEN (UNIT=8, FORM= 'UNFORMATTED')
140
           CALL PRPLOT (3H300,4HPLOT)
150
           BEAMX = 0.03
160
170
           BEAMY = 0.04
180
           ROI = 0.
           FI = 3.1415926536
190
           S = 6.619192
200
           SATLON = 100.
210
           AIMLAT = 40.
220
230
           AIMLON = 100.
           LTYPE = 1
240
250
           IBMIN = 17
           ISYMB = 0
260
270
           IFREQ = 1
           WRITE (6,2) BEAMX, BEAMY, ROT, SATLON, AIMLAT, AIMLON
280
        2 FORMAT(2X, 'BEAMX(RAD) = ',F10.5,2X, 'BEAMY(RAD) = ',F10.5,2X,
1 'ROTATION(RAD) = ',F10.5,/,2X, 'SATLON(DEG) = ',
2 F10.3,2X, 'AIMLAT(DEG) = ',F10.3,2X, 'AIMLON(DEG) = ',
290
300
310
          3 F10.3)
320
330 €
                PLOT FOOTPRINT
340 C
350 C
           RATID = PI/180.
360
370
           F1 = COS(AIMLON*RATIO) +COS(AIMLAT*RATIO) - S*COS(SATLON*
380
          1 RATIO
390
           F2 = F1*SIN(AIMLAT*RATIO)
400
           F3 = SIN(AIMLON*RATIO) +COS(AIMLAT*RATIO) - S*SIN(SATLON*
          1 RATIO)
410
420
           F4 = F3*SIN(AIMLAT*RATIO)
           A2 = 5**2 - 1.
430
440
           D1 = SQRT(1. + S**2 - 2.*5*COS(AIMLAT*RATIO)*COS(RATIO*(
          1 AIMLON - SATLON)))
450
460
           D2 = SQRT(D1**2 - SIN(AIMLAT*RATIO)**2)
470
           LASTJ = 0
480
           DO 20 J=1,361
           FJ = J
490
           OMEGA = FJ*RATIO
500
           F5 = BEAMX + COS(OMEGA) + COS(ROT) - BEAMY + SIN(OMEGA) + SIN(ROT)
510
           F6 = BEAMX*COS(OMEGA)*SIN(ROT) + BEAMY*SIN(OMEGA)*COS(ROT)
520
           AO = 1. + (BEAMX*COS(OMEGA))**2 + (BEAMY*SIN(OMEGA))**2
530
           A1 = 2.*S*(COS(SATLON*RATIO)*((F1/D1) - (F2*F5/(D1*D2)) +
540
550
          1 (F3*F6/D2)) + SIN(SATLON*RATIO)*((F3/D1) - (F4*F5/(D1*D2))
560
          2 - (F1*F6/D2)))
           F7 = A1**2 - 4.*A0*A2
570
           IF(F7.GT.O.) GO TO 6
580
590
           LASTJ = J
600
           GO TO 20
610
         6 JJ = J - LASTJ
620
           T = ABS(-A1 - SQRT(F7))/(2.*A0)
630
           F10 = T/D1
640
           PHII = ASIN((F10)*(SIN(AIMLAT*RATIO) + F5*D2))
450
           F8 = S*SIN(SATLON*RATIO) + T*((F3/D1) - (F4*F5/(D1*D2))
          1 - (F1 + F6/D2))
660
670
           F9 = S*COS(SATLON*RATIO) + T*((F1/D1) - (F2*F5/(D1*D2))
          1 + (F3#F6/D2))
480
690
           ALAMDI = ATAN2(F8,F9)
700
           UFOOT(JJ) = FHII/RATIO
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/10
            VFOOr(JJ) = ALAMDI/RATIO
720
,30
740
         20 CONTINUE
           WRITE(12) LTYPE, IBMIN, ISYMB, IFRED, 1 JJ, (UFOOT(K), VFOOT(K), K=1, JJ)
750
            CLOSE (12)
            OPEN(12,FORM='UNFORMATTED')
760
770
            REWI12
780
            CALL WORLDS (5,6)
790
            CALL ENPLOT
            CLOSE (12)
800
810
            CLOSE (8)
            STOP
820
830
            END
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